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HOLIDAY RECEPTION FOR FAMILIES OF CONNECTICUT NATIONAL GUARD SOLDIERS AND AIRMEN

SOUTH WINDSOR, Conn., - Maj. Gen. William A. Cugno, the Adjutant General and Commander of the Connecticut National Guard, announces a holiday reception for the families of deployed soldiers and airmen of the Connecticut National Guard at Maneeley's Banquet and Catering Facility, South Windsor, Sunday, December 19, 2004, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Gov. M. Jodi Rell and other U.S and state legislators will visit the families and the children during the reception. The Governor will read a holiday story to the children and Santa will visit to hand out toys.

“The holiday reception is intended to honor the families for their sacrifices and to facilitate their camaraderie,” said Cugno. “I thank Mr. Bruce Maneeley for donating his facility again this year.”

During the reception, officials will recognize the significant role of families in military deployments. Families will be provided a festive meal and children will participate in holiday activities.

Rell and Cugno would also like to recognize the contributions by businesses and citizens who made Operation E.L.F an overall success again this year.

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This year Operation E.L.F received more than one million AT& T phone card minutes, \$25,000 in gift cards, \$57,000 to the Connecticut National Guard Foundation to help provide financial assistance to families and thousands of dollars in toys.

The Connecticut National Guard has more than 400 soldiers and airmen mobilized and deployed in Iraq and Kuwait.

Directions

From Route 2:

Rte 2W to I 84W to 91N. On 91N take exit 35 to Rte 291. Take exit 4 (South Windsor exit Rte5). At the end of the ramp bear left. Go left onto Rte 5 (John Fitch Blvd). Go to the 7th traffic light and take right onto Sullivan Avenue (Rte194). Bear left at the fork in road (Rye St) right before the Exxon Gas Station; Maneeley's is on your left.

From Mass:

I91S to exit 35 to Rte291 (Manchester exit). Take exit 4 (South Windsor exit Rte 5). At the end of the ramp bear left. Go left onto Rte5 (John Fitch Blvd). Go to the 7th traffic light and take right onto Sullivan Avenue (Rte194). Bear left at the fork in road (Rye St) right before the Exxon Gas Station, Maneeley's is on your left.

From Waterbury:

I 84E to I 91N. Take exit 35 to Rte 291 (Manchester exit). Take exit 4 (South Windsor exit Rte 5). At the end of the ramp bear left. Go left onto Rte 5 (John Fitch Blvd). Go to the 7th traffic light and take right onto Sullivan Avenue (Rte 194). Bear left at the fork in road (Rye St) right before the Exxon Gas Station; Maneeley's is on your left.

From Rocky Hill:

I91N to exit 35 to Rte 291 (Manchester exit). Take exit 4 (South Windsor exit Rte5). At the end of the ramp bear left. Go left onto Rte 5 (John Fitch Blvd). Go to the 7th traffic light and take right onto Sullivan Avenue (Rte194). Bear left at the fork in road (Rye St) right before the Exxon Gas Station; Maneeley's is on your left.

From Manchester:

I84W to Rte 291 to exit 4 (South Windsor exit). Bear left at the end of the ramp. Go left onto Rte5 (John Fitch Blvd). Go to the 7th traffic light and take that right onto Sullivan Avenue (Rte194). Bear left at the fork in the road right before the Exxon Gas Station, Maneeley's is on your left.

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From Buckland Hills Mall:

North on Buckland Road down to Five Corners into South Windsor. You will see a big white church across from you. Go straight onto Sullivan Avenue (Rte 194) approximately 5 miles. You will see the Exxon Gas Station on your right: take your immediate right after the station (180degree turn onto Rye St.) Maneeley's is on your left.

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